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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--22 DECEMBER 1962

1. CONGO:

A. THE CONGOLESE LOWER HOUSE YESTERDAY PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF GIZENGA. EVEN GOVERNMENT MINISTERS JOINED IN TO MAKE THE VOTE UNANIMOUS.

B. LEFTIST FORCES WERE ALSO TRYING TO GENERATE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE TRUMAN MISSION.

C. IN ANTICIPATION OF WHAT WAS DEVELOPING, GULLION TRIED TO GET FROM ADOULA SOME INTIMATION OF WHERE HE INTENDED TO GO NEXT. HE UNCOVERED AN ATTITUDE WHICH "WAS NEITHER DESPAIRING, NOR DETERMINED; MERELY DETACHED."

D. THIS WAS ENOUGH TO CONVINCE GULLION THAT ADOULA WAS TOTALLY HAMSTRUNG IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WOULD NOT MOVE TO FREE HIMSELF--BY RECESSING PARLIAMENT--WITHOUT BEING PRODDED. SECRETARY RUSK'S INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE THIS PRODDING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY GULLION.

E. [REDACTED] GENERAL MOBUTU IS NOW EMPHATICALLY IN FAVOR OF PARLIAMENTARY HIATUS, BUT PRESIDENT KASAVUBU STILL NEEDS CONVINCING.

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2. BRAZIL:

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C. IF [REDACTED] A LEFTIST CABAL IN THE MILITARY IS 50X1

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SIGNS OF A GROWING ANXIETY AMONG THE CONSERVATIVES OVER THE
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORIENTATION OF THE GOULART GOVERNMENT.

3. LAOS:

A. SOUVANNA WAS TO FLY TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES AGAIN TODAY,
WITH SOUPHANNOUVONG ALONG ONCE MORE, FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIR WORK
ON HIS SPLINTERED NEUTRALIST ORGANIZATION.

B. WHILE HE IS TRYING TO PUT HIS HOUSE IN ORDER THERE, AN
EQUALLY SHARP INTRAMURAL FEUD HAS ERUPTED AMONG HIS FOLLOWERS
IN PHONG SALY PROVINCE. THE LONG-TIME VICEROY OF THE PROVINCE,
GENERAL KHAMOUANE, WHO HAD BEEN IN VIENTIANE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS,
RETURNED HOME YESTERDAY [REDACTED]

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5. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. OUR EMBASSY IN SANTO DOMINGO SUMMARIZES THE ELECTION AS FREE, CLEAN, PEACEABLE AND AS HAVING PRODUCED A BIG TURNOUT.

B. LATEST UNOFFICIAL RETURNS GIVE JUAN BOSCH OF THE MODERATELY LEFTIST DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY A MARGIN OF SOME 300,000 VOTES OVER HIS CLOSEST COMPETITOR, CONSERVATIVE VIRIATO FIALLO.

C. BOSCH IS DUE IN THE US ON SUNDAY TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS WITH HIS STUDENT SON. AMBASSADOR MARTIN IS URGING A GET-ACQUAINTED STOPOVER HERE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE HE RETURNS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

6. AFGHANISTAN:

A. THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IS DUG IN AS DEEPLY AS EVER IN ITS DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN.

B. IN A LONG SESSION WITH THE US AMBASSADOR ON THURSDAY, PRIME MINISTER DAUD INSISTED THAT HE WOULD RATHER LOSE US AID ALTOGETHER--MUCH AS HE VALUED IT--THAN HAVE IT SHIPPED IN THROUGH PAKISTAN.

C. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO GIVING IN TO PAKISTAN EVEN IF THIS COURSE SHOULD PUT HIS COUNTRY'S NEUTRALITY IN JEOPARDY.

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D. THE ANSWER, DAUD CONTENDS, IS SHIPMENT OF US GOODS BY WAY OF IRAN.

7. NOTES:

A. USSR: AFTER TWO FALSE STARTS A SPACE VEHICLE WAS LAUNCHED FROM TYURATAM THIS MORNING. WE CANNOT YET SAY WHETHER IT HAS BEEN PUT INTO ORBIT OR WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE IS INVOLVED.

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C. INDIA-CHINA: THE PIECEMEAL CHINESE WITHDRAWAL IN NEFA IS CONTINUING, BUT THERE IS STILL LITTLE CLEAR SIGN OF WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS HAPPENING IN LADAKH.

D. SOVIET BLOC ECONOMY: PLANS FOR ACHIEVING A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRATION OF BLOC ECONOMIES ARE UNFOLDING WITHIN THE COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE PROJECT IS FAR ENOUGH ALONG AFTER A RECENT CEMA MEETING IN BUCHAREST THAT THE PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES OF THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES (MINUS CHINA, ALBANIA AND NORTH KOREA) ARE EXPECTED TO MEET SOON TO PUT THEIR SEALS ON IT.

E. NORTH KOREA: THE NORTH KOREANS, SOUNDING MORE AND MORE LIKE PEIPING EVERY DAY, YESTERDAY LODGED A PROTEST BEFORE THE JOINT MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION OVER AN ALLEGED US U-2

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OVERFLIGHT ON 6 DECEMBER. THEY CHARGED THAT THE FLIGHT [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] WAS AN EXAMPLE OF US PROVOCATION 50X1
AND CONSISTENT WITH "AMERICAN INVASION PROGRAMS."

F. CUBA: [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT HAVANA HAS CALLED HOME THE 50X1
HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE.

G. ECUADOR: ANGRY MUTTERING AGAINST PRESIDENT AROSEMENA
IS REACHING A CRESCENDO AFTER ANOTHER DISGRACEFUL PUBLIC PER-
FORMANCE. [REDACTED]

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